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SUBJ: MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE RIO TREATY

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRINCIPAL PROPOSED MEXICAN  
AMENDMENTS TO RIO TREATY:

1. ARTICLE 2: "AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE PRINCIPLE SET  
FORTH IN THE PRECEDING ARTICLE, THE HIGH CONTRACTING  
PARTIES WILL MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE  
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CONTROVERSIES OF A REGIONAL NATURE  
BY MEANS OF THE PROCEDURES IN FORCE IN THE INTER-AMERICAN  
SYSTEM BEFORE REFERRING THEM TO  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR  
TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS  
ARTICLE IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE RIGHT OF THE PARTIES TO  
REFER, AT ANY TIME, ANY CONTROVERSY OR ANY SITUATION  
LIABLE TO LEAD TO INTERNATIONAL FRICTION OR GIVE RISE TO  
A DISPUTE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL,  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 34 AND 35 OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS CHARTER."

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2. ARTICLE 3: THE SUBSTANTIVE MEXICAN PROPOSAL HERE IS

TO INSERT THE WORDS "DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES" AFTER THE EXISTING LANGUAGE IN ARTLE 3 "MAY DETERMINE".

3. ARTICLE 4: "THE REGION TO WHICH THIS TREATY REFERS COMPRISES THE CONTINENTAL TERRITORY, THE ISLANDS AND THE SEAS BELONGING TO EACH OF THE SIGNATORY STATES. THE TERM 'SEAS' IS UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN BOTH THE TERRITORIAL WATERS, AND THE CONTIGUOUS SPACE OVER WHICH THE COASTAL STATE HAS SPECIAL JURISDICTION."

4. ARTICLE 6: "IF THE INVIOLABILITY OR THE INTEGRITY OF THE TERRITORY OR THE SOVEREIGNTY OR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANY AMERICAN STATE SHOULD BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY AN EXTRACONTINENTAL OR INTRACONTINENTAL CONFLICT, OR BY ANY OTHER FACT OR SITUATION THAT MIGHT ENDANGER THE PEACE OF AMERICA, THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION SHALL MEET IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO AGREE ON THE MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO HELP THE AFFECTED STATE OR THOSE WHICH IN ANY CASE BE TAKEN FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE CONTINENT."

5. ARTICLE 8 "FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TREATY, THE MEASURES WHICH THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION MAY DECIDE OR RECOMMEND WILL COMPRISE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: BREAKING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS; BREAKING OF CONSULAR RELATIONS; PARTIAL OR COMPLETE INTERRUPTION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS OR OR RAIL, SEA, AIR, POSTAL, TELEGRAPHIC, TELEPHONIC, RADIOTELEPHONIC OR RADIOTELEGRAPHIC OR OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION; AND USE OF ARMED FORCE. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 53 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER SHALL BE A PREREQUISITE TO THE OBLIGATORY APPLICATION OF ANY OF THE MEASURES FORESEEN IN THIS ARTICLE, SAVE IN THE CASE OF LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE. NO STATE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO USE ARMED FORCE WITHOUT ITS CONSENT."

6. ARTICLE 9: THE MEXICANS REASON THAT THIS ARTICLE SHOULD BE OMITTED BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ARTICLE 3. THEY BELIEVE THEIR NEW WORDING FOR ARTICLE 4 FULFILLS THE ENDS SOUGHT BY PARAGRAPH B OF ARTICLE 9 OF THE CURRENT TREATY. AGAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY ARE CONCERNED HERE BY THE IMPLICATION THAT ATTACKS UPON THE ARMED FORCES OF AN AMERICAN STATE IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD ARE COVERED BY THIS ARTICLE.

7. ARTICLE 17: "THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION SHALL MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS OR DECISIONS BY A VOICE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS, ENTITLED TO VOTE IN EACH SPECIFIC CASE. SAID MEASURES SHALL BE SUSPENDED WHEN THEY ARE NO LONGER

SUPPORTED BY A TWO -THIRDS MAJORITY."

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